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SUBJECT: USITC REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON TRADE IN AUTOMOBILES

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1. SOLE DUTCH PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURER VOLVO CARS
B.V., A SUBSIDIARY OF SWEDISH VOLVO, REPORTS THAT EXPORTS
OF DUTCH MANUFACTURED PASSENGER AUTOMOBILES TO US WAS
DISCONTINUED IN 1960 AND HAS NOT BEEN RESUMED PRIMARILY BECAUSE
OF STRINGENT REQUIRMENTS THAT IMPORTED AUTOMOBILES MEET
TECHNICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS ESTABLISHED FOR
US MANUFACTURED AUTOMOBILES. FORD NEDERLAND B.V., WHICH
ASSEMBLES VEHICLES, DOES NOT EXPORT TO US.

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2. ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL OF VOLVO CARS, VOLVO IS CONCERNED
ABOUT THREE CATEGORIES OF NON-TARIFF TRADE BARIERS (NTB'S)
WHICH ARE CONSIDERED TO BE MAJOR OBSTACLES TO EXPORT OF
DUTCH MADE AUTOMOBILES TO US:

A. IT IS ECONOMICALLY UNATTRACTIVE TO CONVERT LOCALLY

PRODUCED AUTOMOBILES SO THAT THEY CAN MEET US TECHNICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS;

B. SELF-CERTIFICATION REGULATIONS FOR AUTOMOBILES IMPORTED INTO US MAY SUBJECT IMPORTED VEHICLES TO VARYING INTERPRETATIONS AND POSSIBLY HIGH PENALTIES AND CONVERSION COSTS;

C. INSURANCE AGAINST POSSIBLE PRODUCT LIABILITY CLAIMS IN US INCREASES COST OF EXPORTING TO US.

3. DESPITE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY DUTCH VOLVO, MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS HAS NO RECORD OF COMPLAINT FROM DUTCH AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY OVER IMPACT OF US NTB'S ON EXPORTS TO US. A SPOKESMAN FOR DUTCH AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION STATED THAT BECAUSE OF THE RELATIVE LOW NUMBER OF CARS WHICH IT MIGHT SELL IN US MARKET VOLVO CARS WAS NOT ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT NTB'S.
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